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As Attorney General, I've made fighting domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking a priority. We've worked hard to enact tougher laws for abusers who commit these crimes and we've also worked to protect the rights of victims.

As part of these efforts, we created the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) to help victims who've moved away from their abuser keep their address confidential. Even after they've taken the initial steps to escape a dangerous situation, many survivors of abuse continue to live in fear. The ACP is an important way to protect survivors and the families, and give them the peace of mind they need to move on with their lives.

Together, our efforts to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking will make North Carolina safer for all of us.

North Carolina's Address Confidentiality Program

9099 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-9099

919.716.6785
acp@ncdoj.com

Providing victims of
domestic violence,
sexual assault and stalking
a way to keep their
residential addresses
confidential.

If you or someone
you know are a

VICTIM

of
Domestic Violence
Sexual Assault
or Stalking,

and need to conceal
your address . . .

We can help.

**North Carolina
Attorney General's Office
Address Confidentiality Program**

IF YOU ARE:

A victim of domestic violence,
sexual assault or stalking, and

you live in a location unknown to your
abuser or stalker, and

you're concerned for the safety of
yourself and your family . . .

you may be eligible to participate in
North Carolina's

Address
Confidentiality
Program

The ACP helps victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking keep their residential addresses confidential and hidden from public view.

When a victim becomes an ACP participant, they are provided with a *substitute address*. The *substitute address* becomes the address of public record and can be used for state and local government services including applying for a North Carolina driver's license and enrolling in a public school.

Because program participants use a *substitute address*, the ACP forwards all first-class, certified or registered mail (except packages and magazine subscriptions) to the program participant at their residential address.

WHAT THE ACP CAN DO FOR VICTIMS:

- ❖ Provide an additional layer of protection to increase overall safety.
- ❖ Provide a confidential address service to victims and their families regardless of where they live (in North Carolina) or how many times they move.
- ❖ Provide a cost-free mail forwarding service.
- ❖ Provide an ACP Authorization Card that can be presented when an address is required.

THE ACP CANNOT:

- ❖ Keep the address of a victim who owns real property (house or land) in her/his name out of the public records.
- ❖ Provide legal advice or counseling services.
- ❖ Help a victim get a new name or social security number.
- ❖ Be a victim's only safety plan. The ACP is only one part of a participant's overall safety strategy.

The ACP is a free
program administered by
the
North Carolina
Attorney General's
Office.

IT'S EASY TO APPLY

- Call the Address Confidentiality Program at **919.716.6785** to obtain the name of a Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Program near you.
- Go to the program that was referred to you and meet with an ACP Application Assistant.
- Develop an overall safety plan.
- Discuss ACP guidelines and complete an application with your ACP Application Assistant.
- Submit your application to the ACP for approval, usually within 10 business days.
- Receive an ACP authorization card so you can use the substitute address.